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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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### I.

#### THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

IN this very pleasant world you may look upon men in either of two ways. At the outset you must make your selection. Your choice will, in part, reveal yourself. It will also determine your happiness and success. You are here with us. You must remain awhile. And you must shape yourself upon one theory or the other. You may say: Resolved, That all men are Ishmaelites. Or you may pause and reflect. You may give such a conclusion the consideration it deserves. You may dignify it with its proper importance. Then, perhaps, you may say: Resolved, That all men are brothers. It is a matter of no concern to "all men" which resolution you adopt; but it concerns you very greatly. It will make a big difference in your history.

Did it ever occur to you what a profound lesson was taught in that horn-book story where your attention was called to the fact that "Mary loved the lamb, you know."

Now that you are a grown child, it is taught you again, in the statement "He first loved us."

There is a new religion now growing in this world. Or, if you prefer, there is an old religion, *up to which* this world is now growing.

The most hopeful sign of these times is that this new-old religion is finding congenial soil. Just in proportion as it is generative, will this world be a pleasanter place in which to live.

The ten old commandments are good. But the eleventh commandment is the best. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." It is the delightful religion of the universal brotherhood of men. I had rather lay one stone in the foundation of its temple than to have the ownership of the world, during my brief stay here.

It means universal charity. Charity of thought. Charity of feeling. Charity of judgment. It means the actual and practical relief of suffering. It means largeness of sympathy. It means respect for the feelings and sensibilities of others. It means humanity, in its broadest and most comprehensive sense. It means the cultivation of that most lovable habit—the habit of unselfishness.

There are no "professors" of this grand religion.

You either practice it, or you enjoy none of its manifold blessings.

WALTER GREGORY.

### II.

#### TAXING LAND VALUES.

As the "Georgeism Making the Rich Richer" in your February number is certainly not Henry Georgeism, it is unlikely that Mr. George will feel called upon to answer Mr. Adams's question.